

By: \_\_\_\_\_ .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute the following for \_\_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ C.S.\_\_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a declaration of party affiliation by a candidate for  
municipal elective office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 143, Election Code, is amended by adding  
Section 143.0011 to read as follows:

Sec. 143.0011. PARTISAN CANDIDACY AUTHORIZED. (a) A  
candidate running for a city office may declare a party  
affiliation.

(b) A candidate's party affiliation, if applicable, must  
appear on the ballot next to the candidate's name.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 143.003, Election Code,  
is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.003. PARTISAN NOMINATION [~~CANDIDACY~~] FOR  
HOME-RULE CITY OFFICE AUTHORIZED.

SECTION 3. Section 143.004, Election Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 143.004. APPLICATION REQUIRED. (a) Subject to Section  
143.005, to be entitled to a place on the ballot, a candidate must  
make an application for a place on the ballot.

(b) An application must state the political party with which  
the candidate is aligned or, if the candidate is not aligned with a  
party, state that fact.

SECTION 4. Section 143.002, Election Code, is repealed.

1           SECTION 5.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.